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In Re application of:

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For: **Identification and selection of locks for use with keys**
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RESPONSE TO YOUR DETAILED ACTION MAILING DATE 10/31/2007

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Sir

Claims rejection on the basis of Obviousness:

1) As earlier mentioned in our telephone conversation we do not believe that the Trimble et al (US 2002/01260010) should have been cited as its publication date 09/2002 is later than the priority date of the present application, that is a national entry from PCT/AU2003/001029 Filed August 14th 2003 with a Priority date August 14th 2002 (based on Australian Provisional Application 2002950762).

Furthermore we respectfully disagree that Trimble taught a method to adapt the Pires document to include 'an input to receive a signal associated with the lock, a computer comprising memory storage to store a plurality of lock identifiers each related to an associated key; and a plurality of lock identifiers associated with the key identifiers'.

Trimble describes a device to send a radio signal to a particular device attached to an object (for example a key). For a collection of these devices in the possession of a user, the user would need to still identify which one to select to find the desired object. Trimble makes use of a label on the device to identify the correct control unit for a particular object. This is no different to a bunch of keys each key with a label that needs to be manually read to find the correct key. The objective of